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In Miss Carolins Sunday School class, as a child, I remember the paper cut out images of Jesus and his Disciples. With their long flowing robes, their walking sticks and sandals I remember being taught that had no particular house, and just walked about from place to place learning of Jesus and doing good. I remember looking out the car window on the way home, looking for disciples walking along the highway. Looking for little groups of men clad in robes w/ staff in hand walking down the road to Trenton. I never saw any. Not a one. I soon began to think that there must be no disciples today, you just don't see them much around here. I later learned E.C. is called the

I. The Sight of these Disciples - The destiny of the Lord Jesus at this point was to live, die, be raised from dead, and ascend to heaven. Ultimately he would be gone. Therefore his teaching must be entrusted to other men to be related to others, to his A. He Saw their Place - vs 16a. Sea of Galilee not the great halls of Jewish learning, in the palaces of the Kings, in halls of diplomacy, but to the sea shore. Down by the

docks. You have probably heard of great revival meetings where they boast of 10 saved, 3 rededicated and 4 called to preach. As if the only time young men are called to preach is in great meetings. Yet God corners men for his service. Down by the Sea you find moldy



B. He saw their Position - These were  
not men of great stature, of great influence and power. They were common everyday people. I was listening to NPR, smoothly announcement came on: "If you want to reach our audience of wealth, highly educated influential listeners call office..." No not Jesus his ardent disciples came mostly from run of the mill places. Characters from every walk of life. The Lumen "God must love

C. He saw the Parallels <sup>vs 16</sup> There are also insightfully parallels that can be drawn from what Jesus <sup>"Extending"</sup> saw. Fishing like Soul-winning takes patience. Much waiting and differing attempts. Searching for good spots. Don Dillman "It's a good fishing hole" <sup>"Equipping"</sup> vs 19. There was also mending and cleaning -

Nets would rot if not properly cleaned. Oh how we must take care to be ourselves clean & strong vessels meet for master use. These are Parallels that <sup>Discipleship</sup> we can learn from.

## II. The Saying To these Disciples - vs 17

Here we have the utterance of Jesus to gain the attention of these soon to be disciples. What it must have been like to hear the audible voice of Jesus. Yet with no lesser utterances he calls to deeper devotion <sup>to Him</sup>.

A. A Powerful Command - This word translates "Come Ye" is an imperative! a firm command. Let <sup>Lazarus from Cozque call</sup> he hear. A call to salvation and a call to discipleship are one in the same. You don't grow into becoming a disciple upon being saved. Yet upon being saved a new born babe in Christ is just that, a baby and thus comes a moment of realization. A moment of choice. a crisis -

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of belief, a desiring of a command to follow more whole heartedly & deeply the Lord Jesus. They had met Jesus prior, believed his teaching, but now came a deeper <sup>call</sup>.

**B. A Pointed Command** - after me, means

follow behind me. in the sense of joining one's party or group. He was calling them to himself. Barclay No, but follow me. know me, learn of me, walk in my way. As a matter of fact their reaction in vs 18 "Followed Him" means walk the same path, it implies a fellowship, a side by side walking with one another. I recall a Clint Eastwood movie, played a secret service agent. Didn't get to know president, would not want to protect. No so with Jesus <sup>Lays Down</sup> <sup>Life</sup>

**C. A Promised Conforming** - This is a thrilling proposition. Jesus is saying if you will simply walk with me I will conform you into what I will use you to do. He would eventually give them a tremendous life time task, but he said I will be the one to fit you for that task. Oh how true! You say I can not witness, or teach or sing, or lead. Not to worry, just follow him and he will conform...

### **III. The Straightway of These Disciples**

As a child I attended Straightway Baptist Church, I often wondered at the name, no roads

nearly named "Straightway". No people named that. No area of town. But now I understand it was a reflection of <sup>Desire. We all should</sup>

**A. An Immediate following** - I imagine how their hearts trembled as throwing net in water. Thinking on claims of Christ, wondering who they

would see him again, then the call! (The opportunity of a lifetime! I have decided to follow Jesus in background. How wonderful it is to immediately be obedient to God. Paul told King Agrippa in Acts 26:19

How haunting and defeating are the memories of the moments of indecisiveness and rebellion. Of quenching the Holy Ghost. **B. An Instant Forsaking** - At the moment they embraced Christ, they released something else. vs 18+20. They left the life they knew. Simon + Andrew may have had great plans for growth + prosperity. Future plans were forsaken. James and John along w/ father Zeb. seems as though they had already arrived. "Servants". Lucrative Family Plans were forsaken to follow the Nazarene God may not call you to Gamma, Cambodia or Mexico <sup>But follow Christ</sup> cars

**C. An Intense Faith** - We have already relayed that these men were not orators, rabbi's scholars, Acts 4:13 "ignorant + unlearned men" What business do they have, setting out in mid life on a new career. These men had families to care for, how will the needs be met? They will be walking with the living God. He has already said the He will make them fishers of men. He takes on full responsibility <sup>Trust Him</sup>

**IV Closing** - Remember when I thought as a child that there just weren't any disciples anymore well in a way I was partly right. Sadly the disciple that has forsaken all embraces an intimate walk w/ Jesus are few + far between.



Acts 26:19-20 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Mark 10:29-30 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.